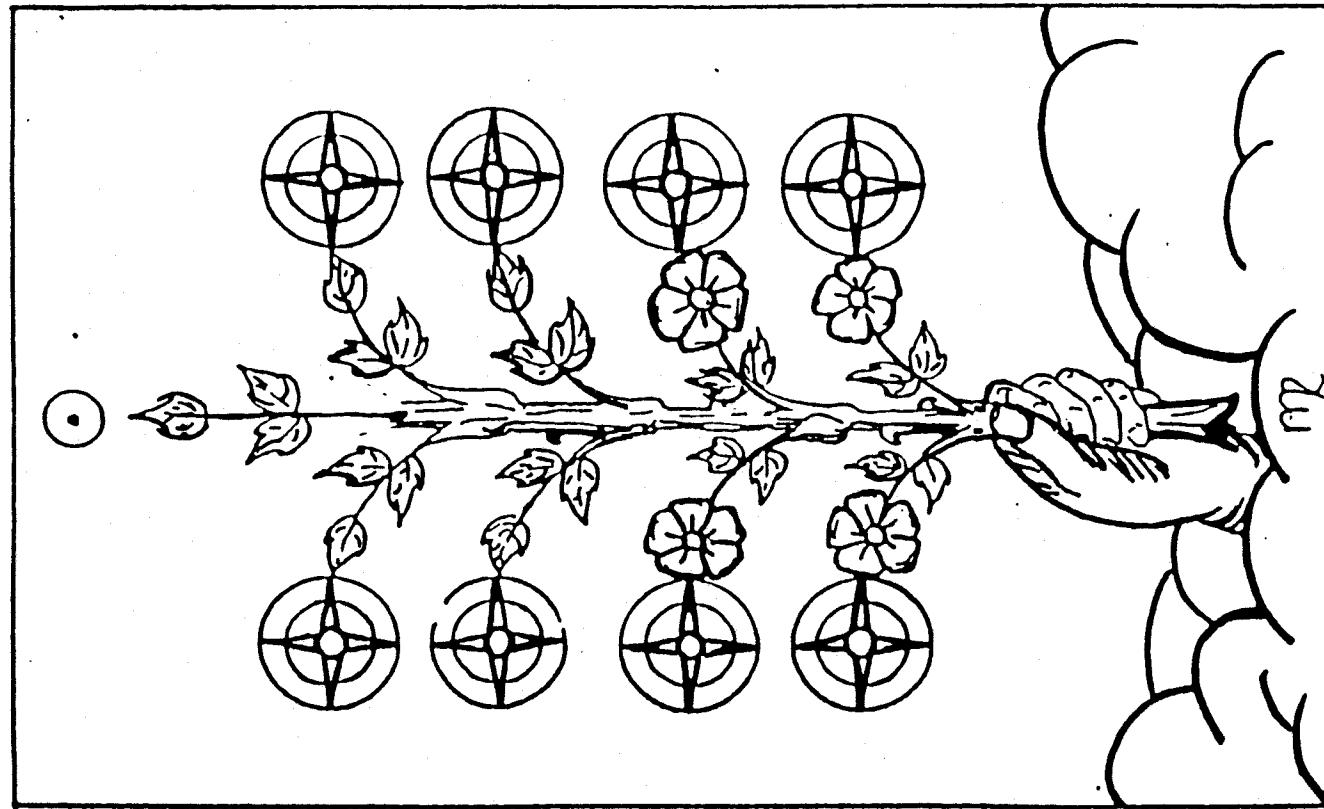


EIGHT OF DISKS

LESSON 87

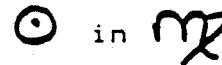


LESSON 89

8 of Disks

"Lord of Prudence"

0 - 10 degrees Virgo



A white radiating angelic hand, issuing from a cloud, and grasping a branch of a rose tree, with four white roses thereon, which touch only the four lower most pentacles. No rose buds are present, only leaves touch the four upper most disks. All the pentacles are similar to the Ace, but without the Maltese Cross and wings. They are arranged like the geomantic figure Populus.

The four lower pentacles are analogous to the four elements in their corporeal form. The four uppermost disks are linked to the elements in their incorporeal form. The five rose buds of the 7 of Disks have died and given way to growth in the 8 of disks over the four lower disks, where these four outer roses bloom in full glory signifying necessary sacrifice of higher aspirations for the more attainable and simple, to be cultivated. Therefore the roses blooming on the lower disks show growth of the material but lack of spiritual. Since the roses bloom in Assiah, it shows toil in this area to keep them blooming - cultivation.

The clouds have gathered a greater fullness, nourishing the earth through rain, causing new life to spring forth.

The 8 of Disks teaches a balance that must be kept on earth with life/death, vice/virtue, and all lifes idiosyncracies. Hence its name "Lord of Prudence", for with the powers of discrimination and discretion, one may judge right and wrong thus acting with care so as to work with the Cosmic Law. It shows the time between sowing of the seed and the harvest, which involves growth and nourishment, clearing of weeds, watering and removing pests which all point to a productive though waiting time in a persons life. If a person takes care of their crops, giving them just enough but not too much of the right treatment their harvest will be a successful one; and this also applies to life, and to alchemy. So these are the lessons the 8 of Disks teaches.

Alchemically speaking, this card represents a hardening, or in some stages congelation which must be broken and made aqueous again. Moreover though the 8 of Disks represents the discriminative powers of the alchemist where each operation must be done with care, with everything according to its own time. Therefore you see here the practical application of the sowing, cultivating and the harvest.

The 8 of Disks is coloured in the Princess Scale. The background is the colour of the sign, Greyish Yellow, which is described as a Yellow Lime Green. The disks are the colours of the planet, Apricot Yellow rayed Soft Pink. The rose bush and leaves are coloured the complementary colour to the background, Light Violet. The centres of the disks and stars thereof, the

hand, roses and clouds are coloured Brilliant White. The background is likened to the other cards where it is painted deep near the clouds and translucent as it graduates to the top of the card.

The overall impression taken from these colours is gentle growth, the impregnation of soul into life. The Greyish Yellow shows an active intelligence in a state of relaxation and the Light Violet brings forth the freedom of vision and hints at dedication to life. The Apricot Yellow is the productive workings of humanity. The colours here are very subtle, therefore their effect is also subtle.

The astrological association to the 8 of Disks is the Sun in Virgo. This portrays an individual who is very versatile and adaptable, both in mind and in physical ability. There is an awareness and inventiveness with a talent in the world of business - trade and merchandise. In health this combination shows strong recuperative powers though there is an intolerance to drugs and toxic foods, however consciousness of health encourages clean living. This character is at home in the outdoors and draws strength from nature, but has a preference for the comforts of life and to general practices of self abuse, alcohol and rich food. Sun in Virgo people are very critical not only with other people, but with themselves making them perfectionists. Another side of this nature is the servant type who works long and hard for his employer, is very conscientious, meticulous and a worrier over little matters.

Hod of Heh (skill, prudence, cunning)

DIVINATION

ON MATTERS OF the Physical Body; Selfhood; Self Projection; new ideas; new beginnings; reactions to outside stimuli; the life force; first encounters:

For new projects, this card advises one to take care and examine every detail. An opportunity arises where you can prove your own worth to yourself and to others. If you cultivate good habits in your own way of living you can be assured of good health. You may find yourself involved with many projects; be careful of being unable to see the wood for the trees. Try to spread your proposed activities over a period of time, for too much too soon could cause an excessive strain on you. "Many Projects".

ON MATTERS OF possessions and personal attitude towards such; personal estate and resources both physical and material; principles and feelings; management and projection; commerce, personal, commercial, governmental and national financial affairs directly relating to the self:

One is advised to be frugal under the above matters. Wise investments bring long term rewards. Monetary gain over a long term in small sums is the best answer. Governments become involved in long term projects which meet opposition at their

outset, however the harvest is good. You have the talent to be able to make the most of your financial resources. Money is put to creative ends. The 8 of Disks tells of small success in business and promises growth in the future. "Small Gains".

ON MATTERS OF short journeys; communications; relationships; brothers, sisters, neighbours; humour; identity; early education; books; correspondence; enlarging ones field of activity:

Relationships must be worked at to be lasting. You need to share with family and close friends to make life worthwhile. You must channel your wealth of ideas into practical use - write them down and it will release frustration. A sound early education brings its rewards. There is a strong drive to achieve to intellectual heights as well as practical skills. Many aspire to be craftsmen of one form or another. The desire to travel is strong and there is experimentation in all forms of communication. It is important that you communicate with family and friends and express what you feel and think. "Channel Ideas".

ON MATTERS OF the end of one stage and the commencement of another; the home and private life; buildings; land; parents; security; emotions; significant shifts in lifes directions; concerning the soul; the occult in its practical terms; divination:

A farm environment is represented here, and/or an environment where there is great productivity. Parents are concerned with material matters - a parent has his/her work in the home.

The 8 of Disks represents someone who looks forward to the days when they will not have to work for a living and is free from daily harrassment and effort. If you work at it, you will achieve this goal and be able to enjoy the comfort of your home. This card advises you to learn from your parents' success or failure for this will structure your future. See to the welfare of your parents as they saw to yours. In matters of the occult this card shows practical workings and attunement with nature. "Yearning for Quiet".

ON MATTERS OF love given; creativity of selfhood; the creative will; children; entertainment; recreation; speculation; sports; the arts; gambling; fulfilling potentiality:

Long term gambles are taken. If you use your resources creatively you will achieve recognition. Those that you love inspire you to use your creative talents. This position shows nurtured creativity and slow material growth of ones work. Sport and recreation are neglected as there is just too much work to get done. There is an element of lack of enterprise in this position and anything commenced may dwindle due to lack of follow-up. A lot of time is put into the welfare of children who respond well to this attention; however some may fall off the path you guide them on, through no fault of your own. "Nurtured Creativity".

ON MATTERS OF sickness (generally due to work problems); employment; employees; relationships within the work environment;

conflicts; service; ones sense of service; the acquiring of skills; psychology:

This is a strong position for the 8 of Disks. It represents apprenticeship and learning of new skills in material matters, the development of a craftsman in practical and intellectual application. Employment is gained - one receives a regular income. Negatively aspected there are misplaced ethics and misapplication of skill. However ones labour brings its awards. You are warned against trying to do too much for people as they'll only expect more; People won't visualise work quantity with human capacity. Your health will suffer if you work too hard, so take time for rest. "Skills".

ON MATTERS OF marriage and divorce; contracts; the other party; competitors, adversaries, and known enemies; partnerships; public relationships; social interaction; the law of compensation; what is lacking; the workings of karma:

You may find yourself in a position, socially or professionally, where you must show or demonstrate your credentials. Once this has been done you will become accepted, if you prove competent in your field. You will be fortunate to have a partner who is a catalyst to success. You will be given support in meeting problems, and your partner will appreciate you as a person. Competitors and adversaries have very little affect on one for one looks only in one direction, ahead, not in any other. The time is fortunate to sign contracts but not until every detail

received; spiritual and intellectual aspirations; ideals; fulfillment; what you yield and how you benefit others:

Productivity in industry and government, settling of details and final preparations for social affairs. Although you may be well known and liked you let only a few close friends into your confidence. In this position the 8 of Disks represents strong humanitarian feelings and service to humanity, whether ones efforts be small or great. However, this card also shows those who use acquaintances and friends for selfish purposes. These people are the losers as they are let down, their ideas backfire and they become the victims. With this card here, groups, clubs and organisations etc., are formed, through hard work, and will prosper. "Productivity".

ON MATTERS OF responsibility and contribution to others; humanistic concerns; karmic debts; unresolved problems; hidden resources; the unconscious; sorrow; health afflictions; secret enemies; hospitals; secret societies; self undoing; total identification:

Health afflictions represented here are diseases of the digestive system, mainly those with mal-assimilation and diarrhoea. The 8 of Disks portrays a quiet person who needs time alone to reflect on thought and feelings, time to revitalise lost vitality. It also shows someone who compulsively devotes themselves to helping, giving support and attention to other people. However what this card reveals on the psychological level is

someone who has withdrawn into themselves, afraid to venture out and face life, and experiences are shut off into the unconscious - they live their lives through others. "Reflection".

8 of Disks: "Lord of Prudence"

(1st Stage Congelation)

In 1st position:	"Many Projects"
In 2nd position:	"Small Gains"
In 3rd position:	"Channel Ideas"
In 4th position:	"Yearning for Quiet"
In 5th position:	"Nurtured Creativity"
In 6th position:	"Skills"
In 7th position:	"Credentials"
In 8th position:	"Auspicious"
In 9th position:	"Prudence"
In 10th position:	"Avaricious"
In 11th position:	"Productivity"
In 12th position:	"Reflection"

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MEDITATION ON THE EIGHT OF DISKS:

Let the Student first study the overall picture of the card, then study each detail. Study the colours.

Now let the Student look at the card and feel its vibrations.

Write down your overall impression.

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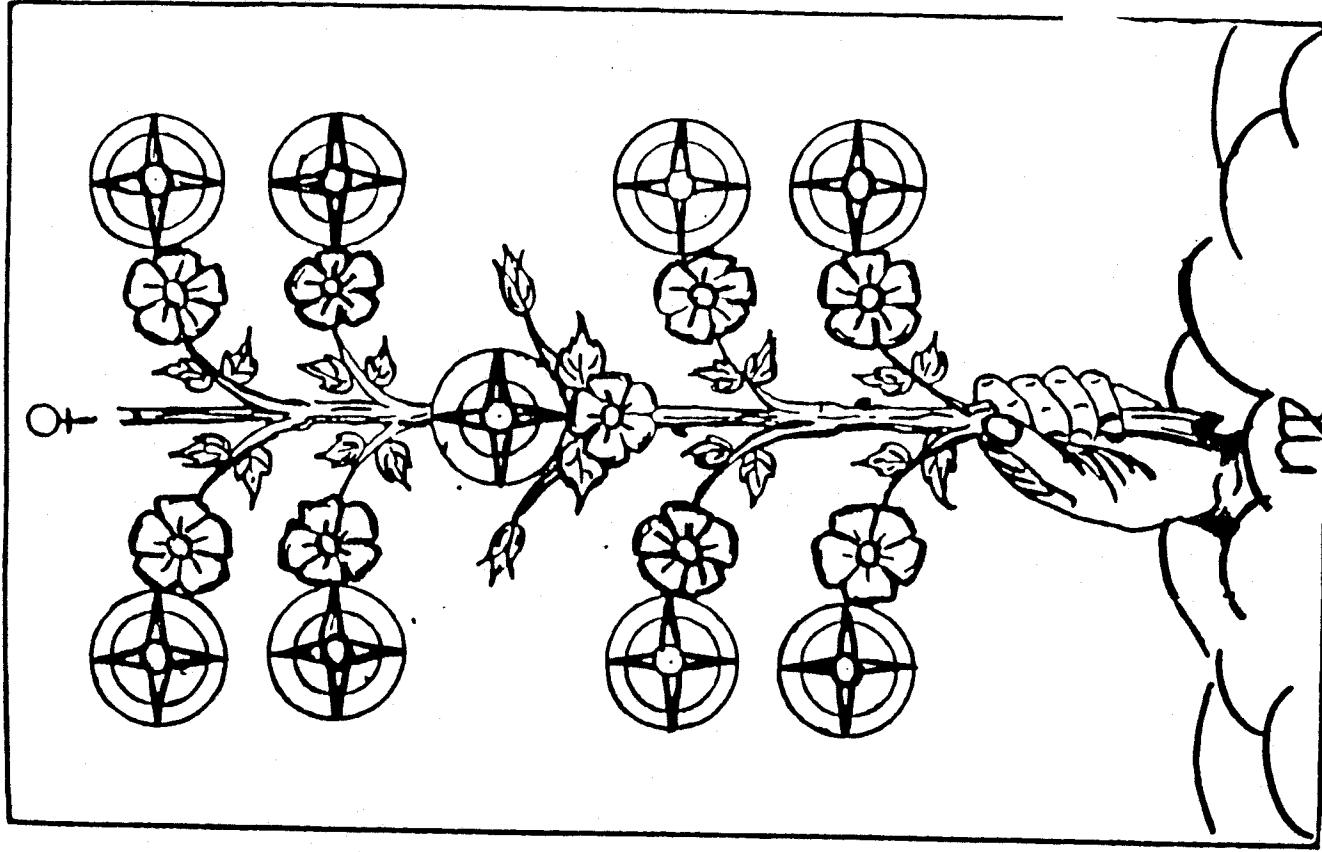
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NINE OF DISKS

LESSON 90



LESSON 90

9 of Disks

10 to 20 degrees Virgo

"Lord of Material Gain"



A white radiating angelic hand holding a rose branch of 9 white roses, each of which touches a pentacle. There are rose buds as well as flowers.

The roses have gone to the upper part of the Tree showing growth in the upper and lower areas of the rose bush, and that there is consciousness of the two echelons of existence, which are divided by a 9th disk in the centre, placing 4 disks in the upper branches of the maturing rose bush and 4 disks in the lower. The presence of the blooming rose at each disk shows that the state now attained is full nourishment, realisation of development and richness in life. The central disk with a blooming rose underneath and a new rose bud on each side shows that the upper echelon is still separated, and that there is still potential for more growth in the lower; by the positions of the rose buds, the direction of growth is ever spiralling upwards, and are the prebirth energies focussed in Assiah.

The clouds lay soft as if covering the earth in a vaporish mist giving life to the land with their morning dew, from which the rose bush draws an abundance of nourishment and spiritual

light. Speak to the earth and it will teach you; treat it right and it will spring forth fruits.

Alchemically, the 9 of Disks is representeth of a final transformation of the vital spirit, and the God that is within, to which one is to be made ready to transform into - to become one. To best explain this is the following quote from 1 Corinthians xv.42 - 49:

'It is sown in corruption; it is raised in corruption: it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: It is sown in natural body; it is raised in spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. And so it is written. The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit. Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. The first man of the earth, earthly: the second man is the lord from heaven. As is the earthly, such are they also that are earthly: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the earthly, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.'

A chymical marriage has taken place and time draws near to the coronation.

Yesod of Heh (inheritance, much increase of goods).

The 9 of Disks is coloured in the Princess Scale. The disks are coloured Cerise rayed with Emerald Green. The background is coloured Greyish Yellow (Yellow Lime Green), and is deep in

pigmentation at the bottom of the card shading to translucent near the top. The clouds, hand, roses and stars within the disks are coloured Brilliant White. The rose bush is coloured complementary to the background, Light Violet.

Ingenuity is expressed through selfless love of life and aspiration (Emerald Green rays over Cerise working through Greyish Yellow). The Light Violet is the spiritualised mind. The Greyish Yellow is likened to the forest Silver Green seen in early spring, which is life and new growth with promises of future abundance. The Cerise also alludes to an underlying subtle form of energy, giving a lasting warmth and drive necessary for growth.

The astrological association to the 9 of Disks is Venus in Virgo, which shows Venus in its fall. This shows the formation of high critical standards, analysis of emotions and sincere gestures. Feelings of inferior sexuality or social standing are covered up by a very cold exterior, preventing possible relationships from developing. Work or intellectual pursuits are engaged in to avoid close contact with other humans. Attractions to material comforts makes the Venus in Virgo person apply himself fervently to a career or way of life that can provide such things. There is a love of land and the animals. They are attracted to beautiful things, people, and the elite. Monetary gain is generally acquired through employees; occupations are of an earthy type. These people are very skilled craftsmen/women and are meticulous in their work. They are conscientious of good

health and live the correct way. The key to Venus in Virgo is the power to analyse; to see the parts of their entirety then put them back together again to encounter the whole. Their power is alchemically generative and projecting.

DIVINATION

ON MATTERS OF the Physical Body; Selfhood; Self Projection; new ideas; new beginnings; reactions to outside stimuli; the life force; first encounters:

In this position the 9 of Disks shows someone with an attractive quality, sex appeal. There is a tendency here to be lethargic with pressing matters unattended to, however, if the desire to create or for practical achievement is strong enough one can turn dreams into concrete form. People may take advantage of you unless you refuse to tolerate it. There is a fondness of self-indulgence in food and material comfort. Life force is strong but not available in large doses; matters need time to mature, people need time to grow. It is also a time to rest and wait after a bountiful harvest. "Maturation".

ON MATTERS OF possessions and personal attitude towards such; personal estate and resources both physical and material; principles and feelings; management and projection; commerce, personal, commercial, governmental and national financial affairs directly relating to the self:

Its time to exploit every available resource for expansion. Ones business or form of employment will give a substantial return. Through good management of your personal affairs you will prosper. Learn not to exhaust your energies as this card shows the increase of the weight of responsibility as one gains materially. The 9 of Disks represents the collectors, those who love wealth and possessions, who adorn themselves and their homes with their trophies. There is talent in business and crafts. You will receive help from friends in social or business affairs.

"Material Gain".

ON MATTERS OF short journeys; communications; relationships; brothers, sisters, neighbours; humour; identity; early education; books; correspondence; enlarging ones field of activity:

Take a firm stand when your opinion is challenged, for what you have to say has just as much value as the next person. A relation or neighbour will offer you advice, listen to what they have to offer, it may be the answer you are looking for. In this position the 9 of Disks shows that ones work has temporarily ceased, and there is time to relax, enjoy the company of friends and family, a time for friendly chatter, the passing on of ones recent experiences and learning from the experiences of others. Enrich yourself through people around you, open out to them and they will respond to you. Those in school have gained grace and honour - prepare for your vacation - plan your vocation. "Advice".

ON MATTERS OF the end of one stage and the commencement of

another; the home and private life; buildings; land; parents; security; emotions; significant shifts in lifes directions; concerning the soul; the occult in its practical terms; divination:

Happiness and fruitfulness is received through family life. It's time for families to do things together. Outdoor activities, like camping, are enjoyed by young and old, and for some there is solitary enjoyment of the better things in life. There is material comfort and acquisition of property. This card represents farming, horticulture and agriculture. If negatively aspected the 9 of Disks warns that present prosperity will not last, however, order out of chaos is generally the end result. There is an emotional attachment to the home, making one a "home body" and sometimes a type of hermit. A love of the land and possibly gardening, brings one outdoors. "Outdoors".

ON MATTERS OF love given; creativity of selfhood; the creative will; children; entertainment; recreation; speculation; sports; the arts; gambling; fulfilling potentiality:

One experiences popularity when the 9 of Disks appears in this position. The arts are enjoyed, such as frequenting the theatre or art galleries. This card represents a critic of one form of art or another, such as acting or music. There is a love of children but one must be careful not to expect too much from them. On matters of love and romance, there is a tendency to be cold and withdrawn at first, then very loving once you learn to trust a person; but again you may expect too much and be too

critical; after all, they are only human, like yourself. Apply yourself to develop your own talents as this will improve your image with others. "Critic".

ON MATTERS OF sickness (generally due to work problems); employment: employees; relationships within the work environment; conflicts; service; ones sense of service; the acquiring of skills; psychology:

You may want to give yourself or your family all the material comforts possible, but you'll first have to work, so get off your posterior and do it. Focus your attention on the best way you can use your talents, try a job that requires physical effort as well as intellectual stimulae. You will benefit through employment if you apply yourself. Although you may try to avoid it, there may be a romantic involvement with someone at your place of work; it may come to nothing and only be a fantasy in your or another's mind. This is a fortunate position for those in the clothing or beauty business. Ones health remains good if not abused; if currently unwell you'll be needing time to convalesce while recovering. "Beneficial Work".

ON MATTERS OF marriage and divorce; contracts; the other party; competitors, adversaries, and known enemies; partnerships; public relationships; social interaction; the law of compensation; what is lacking; the workings of karma:

In social activities a person receives favours and popu-

larity. There is gain through partnerships and this card shows a prosperous marriage. In matters of divorce one will receive financial and material gain. In marriage, try to be strong where your partner is weak and encourage your partner to be strong where you are weak. Such partnerships can achieve a great deal. Do not be too critical of the flaws of others. Factful presentation of yourself wins the approval of others, even your competitors. The workings of karma that the 9 of Disks represents is fulfillment in marriage and love; to attain happiness in the poorest of circumstances is the wealth which we must attain. "Emotional Wealth".

ON MATTERS OF death and rebirth; accidents; effects of others; crime and retribution; legacies; wills; others estates and finances; joint resources; moods; sex; spiritualism; rejuvenation; mysticism; transformation; psychotherapy:

Big business profits; inheritance is forthcoming. Marriage is motivated by what can be gained financially. Dealings with insurance become prominent in this position; you may be approached by those in insurance or deal in it yourself. However, one should make a point of becoming insurance minded and aware of possible accidents. The 9 of Disks also represents the financial advisor and deals made. If you are unsure of the way your finances are being handled, seek advice, or help a friend in difficulties with what you know. Do not become obsessed with death or danger, you could become paranoid; relax and enjoy the fruits of life that are available to you. You will be amazed at

how rich life really is, just open your eyes. "Insurance".

ON MATTERS OF religion; metaphysics; philosophy; higher study and education; legal systems; morals; institutions of learning; long distance travel; exploration; public communications; the collective mind:

In matters of philosophy and metaphysics you will find such subjects credible, only if they are consistant in their information. Education is generally only pursued if the outcome earns money. A lot of contacts are made through Universities, or religious organisations that may prove beneficial in the future. Someone may try and convert you to their way of thinking. The 9 of Disks represents scholars in their fields, wealthy institutions of religion and education. It shows a person who is circumspect in their approach to life, who obtains as much knowledge and material posesssions as possible, just in case their resources need to be called upon at some stage in their life. "Circumspection".

ON MATTERS OF public honour; status; ambitions and goals reached; achievements; profession; the other parent; causes for disgrace; recognition; identity:

The 9 of Disks in this position does not normally represent public honour unless suitably aspected with other cards. It does mean though, that your work will be appreciated by those in superior positions, and if you earn special consideration you

will receive this through some private award, for example an increase in salary or a promotion. A parent may give financial help or help through professional contacts. Ambitions and goals are materialistic. One is identified with ones function in life and not as an individual. When confronting people in business, give them the benefit of the doubt; in this way you will get along well with most people. "Private Accomplishments".

ON MATTERS OF friends; income; social alliances; legislation; ones attitude; group activities; government, counsellors; love received; spiritual and intellectual aspirations; ideals; fulfilment; what you yield and how you benefit others:

Friends and acquaintances always seem to require something from you; be helpful, but don't neglect yourself or your family. Governments may gamble with the tax-payers' money then ask for more, and most of those within the government (or local authority) are there only to line their own pockets. Play it safe, be prudent in your activities under the above matters and you will benefit in the long term. Beware of roguery and deception, vain hopes and those of little faith, for these people will harm you to protect their own backs. For those who have gained an increase of money there will always be vultures nearby. Institutions asking for donations or charity organisations will plead helplessness. "Corruption".

ON MATTERS OF responsibility and contribution to others; humanistic concerns; karmic debts; unresolved problems; hidden

resources; the unconscious; sorrow; health afflictions; secret enemies; hospitals; secret societies; self undoing; total identification:

Perhaps you should change your vocation and work in institutions where people need help. This card represents fund raising for the needy in this position. This is also the position of the head worker, as if one is working off karma. Hospitals and societies are doing financially well. Details that are normally overlooked are now noticed, however, ones downfall comes through too much concern on trivialities:- be meticulous but not picky. You may need solitude and this card suggests you try to obtain this no matter what the material cost. The urge for secrecy leads one to a "Closet" type of existence, for example the closet drinker, closet occultist, or joining up with secret societies. "Unrevealed".

9 of Disks: "Lord of Material Gain"

(2nd Stage Congelation)

In 1st position:	"Maturation"
In 2nd position:	"Material Gain"
In 3rd position:	"Advice"
In 4th position:	"The Outdoors"
In 5th position:	"Critic"
In 6th position:	"Beneficial Work"
In 7th position:	"Emotional Wealth"
In 8th position:	"Insurance"
In 9th position:	"Circumspection"
In 10th position:	"Private Accomplishments"
In 11th position:	"Corruption"
In 12th position:	"Unrevealed"

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MEDITATION ON THE NINE OF DISKS:

Let the Student first study the overall picture of the card, then study each detail. Study the colours.

Now let the Student look at the card and feel its vibrations.

Write down your overall impression.

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Now paint this card with the above described colours. An outlined drawing is supplied with this lesson.

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has been carefully read and amendments are made, if necessary. One must allow time for growth in all of the above matters. "Credentials".

ON MATTERS OF death and rebirth; accidents; effects of others; crime and retribution; legacies; wills; others estates and finances; joint resources; moods; sex; spiritualism; rejuvenation; mysticism; transformation; psychotherapy:

The 8 of Disks under the above matters shows an advantageous change in the circumstances of ones financial affairs, in business and in partnerships, for anyone willing to apply their talents and energy this card is auspicious. In mystical and spiritual matters this card shows little interest, for it is concerned purely in the material. It represents being close to nature, and the practices it would depict would be WiccanCraft or anything that allies itself with the living, the growing. There is also an element of transformation here, just take note of the cycle of the butterfly. "Auspicious".

ON MATTERS OF religion; metaphysics; philosophy; higher study and education; legal systems; morals; institutions of learning; long distance travel; exploration; public communications; the collective mind:

Under the matters of higher study and education the 8 of Disks warns that one must work hard to succeed. It will not be an easy road, although there will be times when one can sit back

and watch the fruits of ones efforts mature. This card also alludes to the education of patience. In metaphysical matters you will begin to understand once you start believing. Morals and ethics are of a practical kind; philosophy is ignored unless it has a practical use. Preparations are made for travel - there are areas in ones life yet to be cultivated. Be prudent when dealing with the above matters for carelessness will get you nowhere. "Prudence".

ON MATTERS OF public honour; status; ambitions and goals reached; achievements; profession; the other parent; causes for disgrace; recognition; identity:

On the outside a person appears humble, of high moral standards for the good of others, but on the inside this person is desirous of wealth and power. However, one must aspire to live up to ones own highest expectations with responsibility and dedication. Work conscientiously, setting small attainable goals which will eventually lead you to your higher goals. You may come up against a cunning individual - it would be wise to get that person on your side. The 8 of Disks also shows that you refrain from seizing opportunities which is mainly due to your own inhibitions. It advises that in these circumstances you should let your desires pour forth and allow them to drive you forward. "Avaricious".

ON MATTERS OF friends; income; social alliances; legislation; ones attitude; group activities; government, counsellors; love